WILL DISSOLVE PHONE TRUST

Reorganization Plan of Telephone and Telegraph Company Accepted

FREE ACCESS TO TOLL LINES

Physicial Connections with All Other Concerns Promised-Will Disnose of Its Western Union Holdings.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.-Attorney General McRaynolds made public last night details of an agreement for reorganization of the American Telephone and Telegraph' company, "the telephone trust," which will prevent litigation to dissolve that corporation under the anti-trust act and under which competitive conditions will dispose of its holdings in the Western yers. against it might be filed.

It was regarded by department ing indication offered in a decade that and his chief "trust buster," G. C. Todd, and officials of the subsidiaries of the combine, but was heartily approved by President Wilson. In a letter to Mr. McReynolds the president expressed his admiration for the attitude of the telephone company and his conviction that such conduct on the part of business men meant a building up of business on sound

Has Added Significance.

Coming on the heels of the announce ment that Postmaster General Burleson granted was periously interested in government pwnership of telephone lines, the action of the Department of Justice had no aded significance and some officials went so far as to express the opinion that it indicated legislation to acquire the country's telephone business would not be pressed by the administration at

In brief the agreement provides that In brief the agreement provides that:
The American Telephone and Telegraph company will dispose promptly of its holdings in the Western Union Telegraph company, so that each concern that he inder distinct management and so that all shall be entirely independent. The company will not hereafter acquire control of other telephone companies, and where control of telephone companies has been acquired but no actual physical where control of telephone companies has been acquired but no actual physical union has been effected, the American Telephone and Telegraph company will submit the course it is to pursue to the Interstate Commerce commission and to the Department of Justice.

The company will promptly make arrangements by which all other telephone companies in the United States shall have access to its toll lines.

Department officials tonight declared that the plan gave the government everything and more than it could have hoped to obtain in court. Officials were more than pleased with the last part of the ent, by which the Bell company gives long distance service to subscriber of other companies, and did not dens that they never had hoped to gain such a point by suit under the anti-trust act.

The agreement will not affect the suit entered several months ago to dissolve the connection of the Bell company with the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph com-

President Wilson's letter, written to the attorney general today, was one of the most interesting documents made public connection with the acttlement. It

My Dear Mr. Attorney General: Thank you for letting me see the letter from the American Telephone and Telegraph company. It is very gratifying that the company should thus volunteer to adjust its business to permit of competition. I gain the impression more and more from week to week that the business men of the country are sincerely desirous of conforming with the law and it is very gratifying indeed to have occasion, as in this instance, to deal with them in complete frankness and to be able to show them that all that we desire is an opportunity to co-operate with them. So long as we are dealt with in this spirit, we can help to build up the business of the country uron sound and permanent lines.

Cordishy and sincerely yours.

(Sig.) WOODROW WILSON.

McReynolds' Communication. Mr. McReynolds in accepting the American Telephone and Telegraph company's offer, wrote to N. C. Kingsbury, cany's offer, wrote to N. C. Kingsbury, ice president of the company, as follows:

Permit me to acknowledge with expressions of appreciation your letter of compenies of appreciation your letter of comments. It is not that the telephone companies composing the Bell system obligate themelives to follow in the future.

Your frank negotiations in respect to hese matters compel the belief that what you propose will be carried out in good with and it seems to me clear that such

action on your part will establish conditions under which there will be full opportunity throughout the country for competition in the transmission of in-

lligence by wire. May I take this occasion to say that the May I take this occasion to say that the administration earnestly desires to co-ciperate with and to promote all business conducted in harmony with law; and that, without abating the insistence that the statutes must be obeyed, it will siways welcome opportunity to aid in bringing about whatever adjustments are necessary for the re-establishment of lawful conditions without litigation.

Months of Negotiations. The announcement of the agreement came tonight at the conclusions of several months of negotiation in which the attorney general and Mr. Todd and Mr. Kingsbury, Theodore N. Vall, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, and other parties on both sides conferred. Mr. McReynolds took up the question early in his administration of the Department of Justice and officials of the telephone company showed a willbe restored in the telephone service of Ingness from the first to do anything in the entire country and the combine will reason to satisfy the government's law

Union Telegraph company. The plan As point by point in a tentative scheme originated with the company, although was worked out, Mr. Kingsbury carried it followed many reports that a suit it to New York, submitted it to the directors of the American Telephone and Telegraph company and to other comjustice officials tonight as the most strik- panies interested and in every instance secured the approval of the department "big business has come to the conclusion and of officials of the companies con-that it is better to follow the Sherman cerned. There never was a serious hitch law than fight it. The plan met not in the plans, and Mr. McReynolds clearly only the approval of the attorney general indicated to the telephone officials not only his desire to avoid litigation, but his aversion to any scheme for governmen ownership.

The plan finally was submitted to the attorney general with the statement that the company wished to put its affairs be-yord "fair criticism." Some of the details of the reorganization are yet to be perfected. The department has such confidence in the corporation's desire to de the right thing, however, that it has left such matters to its officers and any reasonable amount of time asked for will be

About Thirty Per Cent. Although exact information as to the extent of the Western Union stock held by the Bell company was not available here tonight, it was understood to be about 30 per cent. Mr. McReynolds has no desire to force the combine to clear its treasury of this stock within a week or a month or in any set period of time. From the point of view of a sub-ceriber to an independent telephone system one of the most interesting parts of the agreement is that promising him use of the through lines of the Bell company. Under the agreement an independent company may secure connection with Bell toll lines by securing standard trunk lines to connect with the Bell toll boards, the Bell company operating the entire tell circuit when connections are made. Connections will be given with

Bell subscribers of other independent companies served by exchanges more than fifty miles distant from the place where the call originated, independent subscribers paying in addition to the regular Bell toll charge a connection harge of 10 cents for each message. This charge will not be made on business known as "long lines," business and long lines business will be accepted for less than fifty miles as well as for a greater

Bell Capital Stock The authorized capital stock of the Bell company, December 31, 1912, was \$500,000,000, its bonded indebtedness at that time about \$165,000,000. From October to April, 1906 it has paid 8 per cent annually. The Western Union has an aupany, the coast branch. This suit will all of which has been issued. Late in thorised capital of \$100,000,000, proctically be pressed by the department to deter- 1911, the American Telephone and Tele mine how far the Sherman anti-trust act graph company held more than \$29,000,-

> Officials do not believe that either company will be affected, greatly, by the uncement tonight. They say these proposals have explained that the connection between two concerns has never been such that the earnings of one went to pay the dividends of the other, and the operating expenses and overhead charges, and all other accounts of each have been quite distinct. Mr. McReynolds has been told that the American Telephone and Telegraph company. despite its stockholdings in the Western Union, has treated, the Postal Telegraph company with equal opportunity for use of its facilities.

VICE PRESIDENT MARSHALL SIGNS FOR LECTURE TOUR

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.-It was announced by a lyceum bureau here that Vice President Thomas R. Marshall had signed a contract to lecture at least four weeks after the close of the present session of congress. The vice president will renouncement. His lecture tour, it is said, will cover cities in the middle west.

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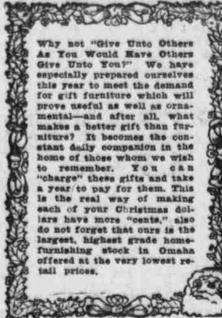
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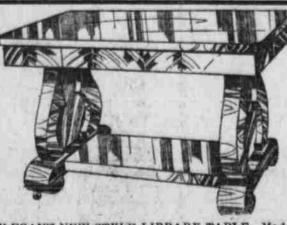
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Omaha Theological Seminary Beneficiary Nobleman Murders of the Stuart Estate

By the death of Mrs. John Stuart of Audubon, In., which occurred a few days ago, the Omaha Presbyterian seminary omes heir to a \$1,000 bequest. Mrs. Stuart was much interested in

Christian education and, it is said, gave substantial assistance to several institutions in the middle west. Several members of the sanior class of

for settlement, among them Ottle C/Carden to Shelby, In : Sampson Cocks to Adair, Is.; and Benjamin C. Batley to

will begin today and continue until Jan- witness of the affair. She was also uary 6. President Marshall will spend the helidays in Minneapolis. Prof. Herron and John E. Rees, the latter of the lie prosecutor of the tragedy. senior class, with E. M. Smith and Gerald. Pitagerald of the junior class represent married in 1886 to Countess Felicia Von the seminary at the Student Volunteer Potok-Potocka, who was born in 1878. convention in Kansas City.

Dr. D. E. Jenkins spent last week in ated, but re-united a short time ago. New York City meeting with one of the ommittees appointed by the last general

SON OF GERMAN MAGNATE

MUELHEIM - AN - DER - RUHR, Germany, Dec. 20 -August Thyssen, jr., son of the great mine owner and manufacturer and heir to one of the greatest fortunes in the world, was today sentenced to a month in jail for libeling the directors of his father's firm. The elder August Thyseen employs nearly 20,000 worksen and is the owner of iron works and great stretches of mining property. Father and son have been estranged r a long time owing to the spendthrift

In February this year he rejected an offer from his father of \$30,000 a year to enounce his rights of inheritance. He Big Returns.

cannot be disinherited owing to the ex-

Wife and Nephew

GRAETZ, Germany, Dec. 20.-Count Matthias Mielsynski, a millionaire Polish nobleman and a member of the German Imperial Parliament shot and killed his by two armed bandits today. wife and his nephew early today.

The count, who is residing near here at Castle Dakowymokrz, one of his many country seats, heard sounds in the night which he thought were caused by thieves. he seminary have recently received calls. He setzed a rifle and made a search, during which he found his wife and

nephew together in her room. Without a word of warning or explanation the count shot both dead. A woman companion of the counters was the only seriously wounded by one of the bullets. The count promptly notified the pub-

The count is 44 years old. He was For some years the couple were separ

Count Mielzynski has been a member of the Imperial Parliament since 1963. He was one of the Polish aristocrats who day to appropriate \$1,500 a month for attack of typhoid fever here, has suffered ter's visit here on August 27 to dedicate SENT TO JAIL FOR LIBEL the new city half and the chapel in a demand by several civic and labor his gall bladder and his condition today Posen castle. The function was boy- bodies that the city and county of Los was considered serious. otted by the Polish populace as a protest against the Prussian policy of Germanisation of the Polish provinces. The count's carriage was stoped and its inmates drenched with water while they were on the way to the castle.

Menelik Undoubtedly Bead. ROME, Dec. 20.-That Emperor Mene-like of Abysainia died, December 12, is confirmed in the lateest despatches received here from Addi Abeba, the Abyasinian capita. Although official annaunce character of the son, who two years ago ment of the emperor's death is lacking. was brought up in the Serlin bankruptoy this due probably to the necessity of precourt with debts said to aggregate some cautions being taken to insure the sucmajon to the throne

Persistent Advertising is the Road to

and Leave Working Capital Behind

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 30.-The Bank of Ottawa of this city is \$10 richeas a result of an attempted bank robber,

Shortly after the Robson street branch of the bank opened two young men presented themselves at the teller's window and asked for change for a \$19 bill. Ac the teller reached for his cash the men drew revolvers and commenced shooting. The teller dropped behind the counter until business men in the neighborhood, hearing the reports, rushed in and frightened the would-be robbers away.

The bandits had falled to reach departure they left their working capital behind. A heavy fog alded their escape.

COAST CITIES TO GIVE THEIR UNEMPLOYED JOBS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 20 - An a Christmas present to the poor of the city and a measure of relief for conditions of unemployment, the city council voted to- S. Pepper, convalencing rom a prolonged three months.

Angeles provide \$1,000,000 to be used in | giving employment on public work to the city's unemployed, estimated to num-

Metal

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29 .- The Portand commission passed an emergency of Missouri is ill at his home here. He ordinance today to give work to 1,000 caught cold a few days ago, which deunemployed men in the city parks and veloped into pleurisy. His friends were by the water bureau, beginning tomorrow, at \$3 a day.

BUILD MODERN HOUSE FOR **FAMILY IN SEVEN HOURS**

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Dec. 20.-With lumber, nails, fixtures and other materials donated by business men, thirtyone carpenters, brickinyers, plumbers and electricians today built in seven hours a house for the desticute Van Meter family, consisting of a mother and five children. It was a Christmas present to bills on the counter and in their hasty the family, who have been living in wretched tent hovel for months.

The house is wired for electricity, piped for gas, contains complete plumbing fixtures and connections with sewer and water mains.

CONGRESSMAN PEPPER HAS SERIOUS RELAPSE

CLINTON, Ia., Dec. 20.-Congressman I a relapse. Complications due to a re The appropriation was the outcome of currence of an old trouble have affected

concerning his health were told he was quite sick. President Wilson sent some

WASHINGTON. Dec. M .- Senator Stone

anxlous about him today, and Speaker

Clark and several others who inquired

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